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METHOD THEREOF )**Response To Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R 1.47(a)**Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Attn: International Division  
Legal Staff (R. Ross)

Dear Mr. Ross:

In response to the Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a) having a mail date of 12 March 2003, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Declaration of Ian Stuart Richard Smith.

Subsequent to the filing of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a) on October 1, 2002, Applicants were able to locate Ian Stuart Richard Smith and obtain a signed Declaration. Accordingly, both the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a) and therefore the Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a) having a mail date of 12 March 2003 have been rendered moot.

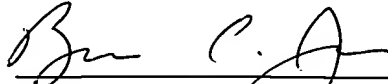
Please proceed with the processing of this application as soon as possible.

No fee is due.

If, however, any fee is due for any reason, please charge Deposit Account 23-2185 (114122-00135) in the amount due.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comment, please telephone the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian C. Jones", written over a horizontal line.

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